

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/803,355	BASIN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Frantz Coby	2171	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to communication filed on April 19, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9, 11-30 now renumbered 1-29.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 20 July 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

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This is in response to applicant's amendment and request for continuing examination (RCE) filed on April 19, 2004 in which claims 1, 3, 5-9, 11-12, 18-24 were amended, claim 10 was cancelled and claims 26-30 were added. Claims 1-9 and 11-30 are now pending

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph M. Barich Registration No. 42291 on September 08, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 14, after "object files", please insert --; accessing the software utility program library to manage and manipulate archive files stored in computer memory without leaving the file management application program's menus toolbars, and/or drag and drop operators --.

In claim 24, line 9, after "the emails are sent", please insert --; accessing the software utility program library to manage and manipulate archive files stored in

computer memory without leaving the file management application program's menus toolbars, and/or drag and drop operators --.

In claim 26, line 9, after "the archive files", please insert --; accessing the software utility program library to manage and manipulate archive files stored in computer memory without leaving the file management application program's menus toolbars, and/or drag and drop operators --.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention is directed to a software utility program library integrated into existing file management software programs that store files that are in ZIP format. The closest prior art [Montville et al. U.S. Patent 6,356,937 disclose a full-featured e-mail system for managing files including mechanism for compressing and decompressing file attachments. However, Montville et al. fail to show the claimed feature of "**accessing the software utility program library to manage and manipulate archive files stored in computer memory without leaving the file management application program's menus toolbars, and/or drag and drop operators**". This feature being present in all the independent claims 1, 12, 24 and 26 renders claims 1-9, 11-30, now renumbered 1-29, allowable over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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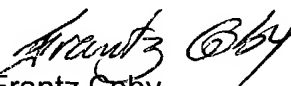
accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Frantz Coby whose telephone number is 703 305-4006. The examiner can normally be reached on Maxi-Flex (Monday-Saturday).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Safet Metjahic can be reached on 703 308-1436. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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